US assistance in civil aviation sector

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federal Aviation Authority of the United States and the Ministry signed a Memorandum of Agreement paving the way for technical assistance from US on a host of aviation related matters;

(b) if so, what are the other main features of the agreement;

(c) whether MoA is an umbrella agreement and would have many subordinate agreements as and when signed with different agencies; and

(d) if so, to what extent the agreement will be helpful to boost aviation management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) This MoA creates enabling provisions to sign agreements for technical and managerial expertise in civil aviation sector in the following areas:

(i) Providing technical and managerial expertise in developing, improving and operation of civil aviation infrastructure, standards, procedures, policies, training and equipment.

(ii) Co-operation in a range of aviation safety areas.

(iii) Providing training for civil aviation personnel.

(iv) Inspection and calibration of our civil aviation equipment and air navigation facility.

(v) Assistance in aircraft certification in India.

(vi) Assistance in the field of Helicopter Operational Safety initiative.